

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (*Currently Amended*): An apparatus for recording video data on recording medium having a chapter information recording area, the apparatus comprising:

a recording processor configured to record video data on the recording medium;

an input section configured to cause the recording processor to direct a temporary halt of a recording operation;

a chapter manager configured to automatically store position information of the video data to the chapter information recording area as chapter boundary information of the video data when the recording operation of the recording processor is temporarily halted by the input section and restarted after the temporary halt; and

a thumbnail setting section configured to set a top picture as a thumbnail image when the recording processor restarts the recording operation after the temporary halt,

wherein the thumbnail image corresponds to the chapter boundary information of the video data,

wherein the thumbnail image is cancelable by means of the use of the input section,
and

wherein according to the cancellation of the thumbnail image, the chapter manager re-stores position information of the video data to the chapter information recording.

2. (*Previously Presented*): The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the thumbnail setting section stores the thumbnail image on the recording medium.

3. (*Previously Presented*): The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein the input section comprises a remote controller having a pause feature.

4. (*Previously Presented*): The apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a pausing director that automatically directs the recording processor to temporarily halt the recording operation upon detecting that an audio signal of the video data has changed from a monophonic signal to a stereophonic signal.

5. *(Cancelled)*.

6. *(Currently Amended)*: A method of recording video data on recording medium having a chapter information recording area, the method comprising:

recording video data on the recording medium;

temporarily halting the recording operation;

automatically storing position information of the video data in the chapter information recording area as chapter boundary information of the video data when the recording operation is temporarily halted and restarted; and

setting a top picture as a thumbnail image when the recording operation is restarted,
the thumbnail image corresponding to the chapter boundary information of the video data;
and

automatically canceling the chapter boundary information when the thumbnail image is canceled by means of an input section.

7. *(Previously Presented)*: The method according to claim 6, wherein the setting of the top picture comprises storing the thumbnail image on the recording medium.

8. *(Previously Presented)*: The method according to claim 7, wherein the temporary halting of the recording operation is initiated by a remote device.

9. *(Currently Amended)*: The method according to claim ~~1~~6, wherein the temporary halting of the recording operation is initiated upon detecting that an audio signal of the video data has changed from a monophonic signal to a stereophonic signal.

10. *(New)* The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein when the thumbnail image is canceled, a chapter started at the thumbnail image is merged to an adjacent chapter.